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TAGS: EWWT, ETRD, XL, SN, ID, PN

SUBJECT: SHIPPING: CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL FLEET (NAUMCAR)

REF: STATE 144878

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1. DIRECTOR

OF CONSULAR AND SHIPPING AFFAIRS, KOURUKLIS, ATTENDED NAMUCAR COMMISSION MEETING IN SAN JOSE. HE SAID CUBANS, MEXICANS AND COSTA RICANS DOMINATED MEETING, WHICH DECIDED THAT EACH COUNTRY WOULD PUT UP \$1.5 MILLION FOR SHARES AND PAY \$7,000 TOWARD EXPENSES OF THE SECRETARIAT.

2. THE BIG ISSUES APPEAR TO BE SELECTION OF A FLAG AND OF HEADQUARTERS FOR NAMUCAR. ON THE FLAG ISSUE THERE IS NO DECISION. SUGGESTIONS RANGE FROM EACH COUNTRY USING ITS OWN FLAG TO USING A FLAG FROM AMONG THE MEMBER STATES WHICH WOULD OFFER THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS SITUATION TO THE FLEET. THE FORMER WOULD PRESUMABLY BE TOO CONFUSING AND THE LATTER IMPLIES THE PANAMANIAN FLAG.

3. ANOTHER SUGGESTION WAS TO USE THE FLAG OF THE COUNTRY CHOSEN AS HEADQUARTERS. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE PANAMA SINCE IT LACKS JURISDICTION OVER ANY DEEPWATER PORTS. THE USE OF CRISTOBAL AND BALBOA, BOTH IN THE CANAL ZONE, WOULD BE PARTICULARLY BOTHERSOME GIVEN CUBAN MEMBERSHIP.

COMMENT: KOURUKLIS AND HIS OFFICE APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN WON OVER TO THE IDEA OF NAMUCAR BECAUSE THEY FEEL IT BETTER TO BE ON THE INSIDE RATHER THAN HAVE LITTLE INFLUENCE ON A POSSIBLE COMPETITOR. IN ADDITION, NAMUCAR MIGHT RESULT IN TRANSFER OF SHIPS TO THE PANAMANIAN FLAG THAT OTHER NATIONS PROVIDE FOR THE NAMUCAR FLEET. THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY NOT PLEASE THE MEXICANS WHO KOURUKLIS BELIEVES ARE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN GENERATING BUSINESS FOR THEIR OWN FLEET. HE STILL WORRIES THAT NAMUCAR MAY STIMULATE RESTRICTIVE CARGO PREFERENCE SCHEMES. PANAMA IS PRESENTLY PROTESTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA RESTRICTING CARGO BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO THEIR TWO FLEETS.

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